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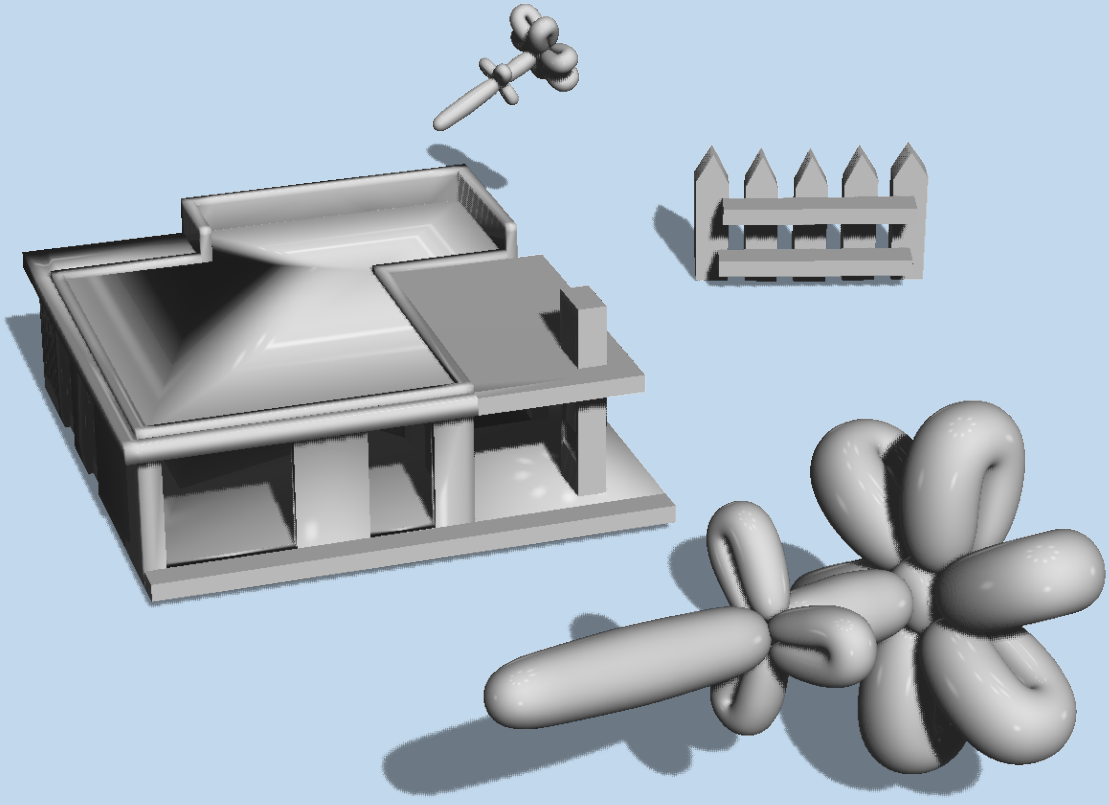

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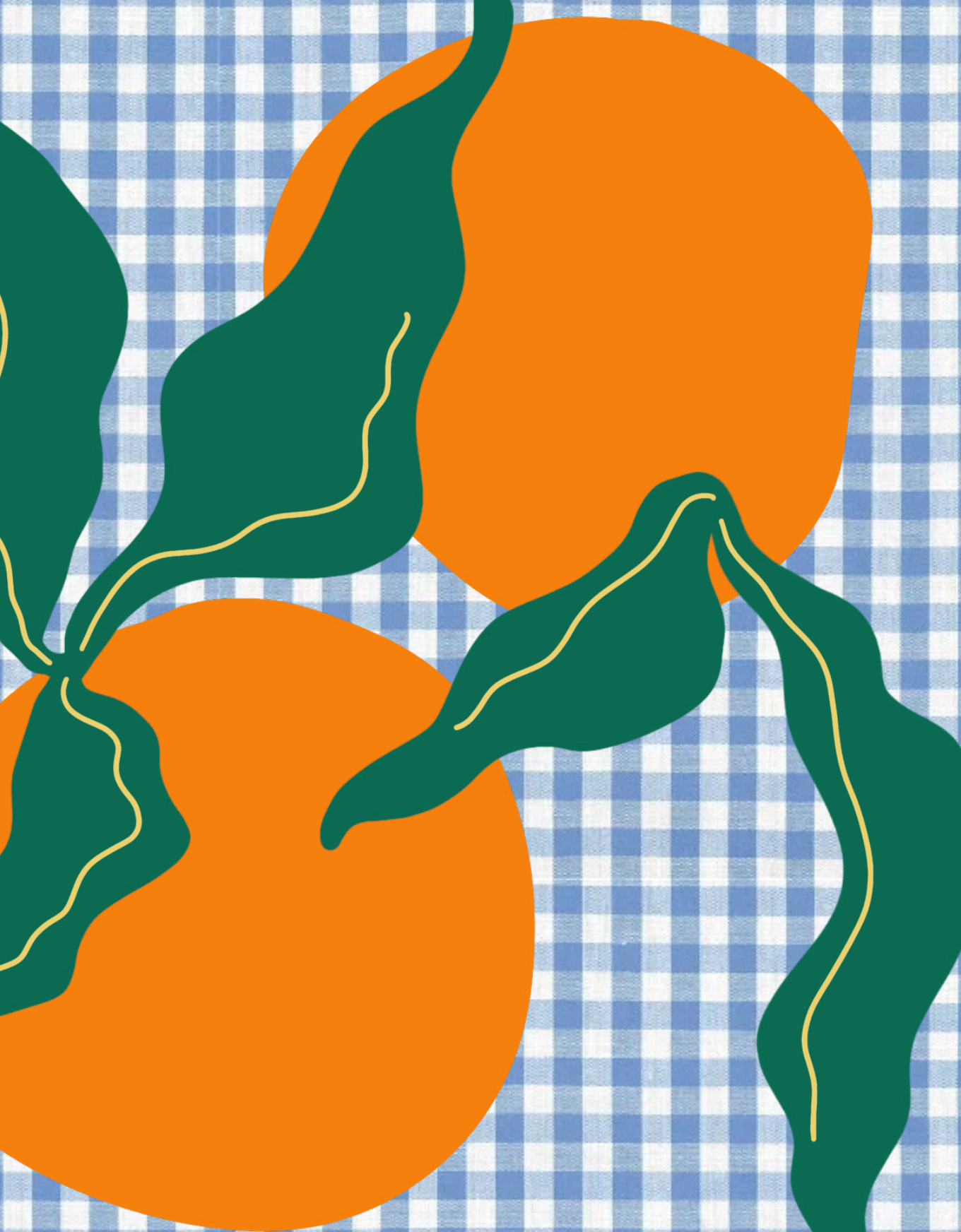
letter from the editor

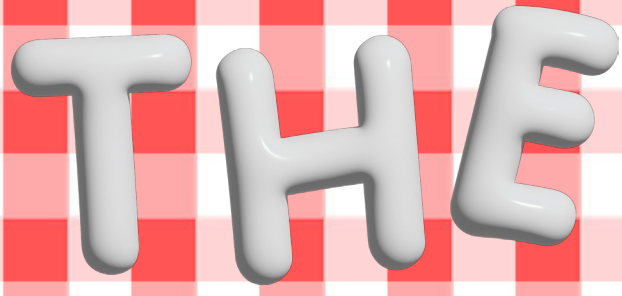
From playing pretend in sandboxes to smoking out of fruit, the backyard holds all kinds of memories. My childhood backyard reminds me of swatting bees during summer dinners and sneaking in my boyfriend throughout my junior year of high school. I don't think any of this is an original experience, but that's what makes backyards so special.

During the production of this issue I learned one crucial thing—like backyards, early adulthood is full of growth and discovering new bad habits.

I want to thank the OV staff and students that submitted their work for making the nostalgia come to life. That's all for now, enjoy The Backyard Issue.

Kaitlyn

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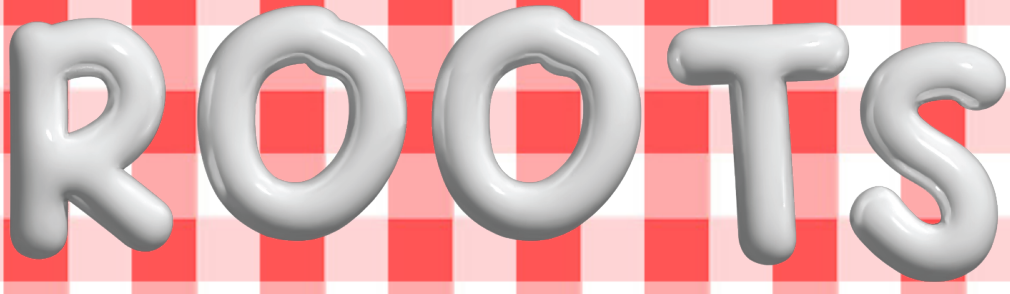

ROOTS

Lawn Chair

Midwestern backyard

Sprinkler, basketball hoop, mulberry bush, small blue plastic dog pool

This kind of summer is long gone but the Lawn Chair does not know this

It is just a chair

Overgrown garden, decrepit playset, rusted fire pit, misplaced seasonal furniture

Feebly pigmented, the striped cushions disintegrate at the seams, threadbare

Steamrolled by the elements, by Mother Nature herself

No one wants to sit on the Lawn Chair, it might

Break!

Fall apart!

Have bugs!

Leave a stain on my shorts!

Memories of sparklers lit, smores burnt, bug spray and sunscreen reluctantly administered

Of uncles, neighbors, friends, high school lovers each having absentmindedly sat here

The Lawn Chair is now an eyesore

Not worth replacing, cleaning up, wiping down, not even quite worth moving

Not worth thinking about

It will live out the rest of its days as it always has

Discarded, misplaced, there

In the lawn, season after taxing season

The Lawn Chair was bought during summers of popsicles, sidewalk chalk, fireflies, roller skates

This kind of summer is long gone but the Lawn Chair does not know this

It is just a chair

Mary Flanagan

Mattie Melson

THE BEST APPLE PIE

a poem and recipe

Anybody who makes this pie is a rockstar.

Please make this pie, it is so good.

Pretty redheads bake the best apple pie.

Let's eat.

Everything is good. Pie is good. Pussy is good- what? Who said that?

Pie. Pie. Pie.

I love apple pie. I love my girlfriend. She makes apple pie.

Enough of this nonsense, wanna makeout?

G.M.

Ingredients:
- a few apples (preferably hand picked by your beautiful girlfriend)
- some butter
- brown sugar, granulated sugar, cinnamon, ginger, cloves
- pie crust
- ICECREAM

Steps:

1. peel a few apples and cut them into slices

2. put a third stick of butter into pan that's been heated on low for a lil while

3. put apples in pan with butter

4. let all apples get buttery

5. cook apples

6. put like a half cup of brown sugar and maybe a fourth cup of granulated sugar and then some cinnamon and ginger and cloves into a bowl

7. put apples into bowl (i cover with lid or plate and SHAKE)

8. put apples back into pan and continue cooking (if really liquidy at this point add cornstarch as a cheat, if that doesn't work drain liquid and do the sugar mixture again but like less)

9. put apples into pie shell

10. do cute lattice work on top of apples with more pie crust

11. i use heavy whipping cream and brush it on top of the crust

12. cook at like 425 maybe, whatever the vibes are, for like 20 mins

13. open the oven for a couple seconds to let heat out, reduce to 350, cook for 30

14. let sit for two hours before eating

15. EAT W ICECREAM

QUESTION !

question 1

What would your dream garden have in it?

My ex

Tulips, daffodils, a cherry tree, pumpkins, zucchini, tomatoes, cats

Gazebo for longing and a pond/waterfall fountain that looks naturally made

Wisteria, iris, daphne, ferns, dahlias, pumpkin patch

Bleeding hearts & lily of the valleys

The natural/wild flowers of the local ecosystem. And fruits and veggies.

Peonies, tulips, willow tree fountain small hedges lining the gravel pathways

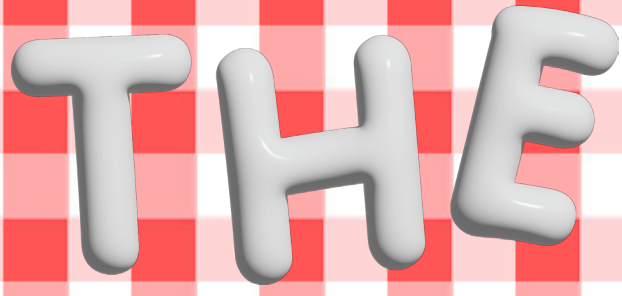
Tulips and ferns!!

Daisies and orchids and your mom!

Red tulips, orange tulips, pink tulips, yellow tulips, the lot

It would be like the coraline garden before it started rotting

Forget me nots, love lies bleeding, pansies, carnivorous plants, hydrangeas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STEMS

Oregon Voice Vs. Pickles

Pickle this. Pickle that. Pickle girls on the internet. Pickle cream cheese ham roll-up. Pickled pigs feet. Are you playing it safe with a dill pickle or will you be brave? What do you eat at a backyard BBQ? Pickles. What comes with a scrumptious little sandwich? Pickles. What comes with your fancy tacos? Pickled onion. An unsung hero of the pickleverse? Escabeche. In true gonzo fashion, your beloved Oregon Voice team took on the pickles.

Vlasic Classic Snack'mmm Kosher Dill
Simone: 7.6
Bella: 6.2
Danielle: 5
Kaitlyn: 8

Napoleon Pickled Garlic Cloves
Simone: 2.3
Bella: negative
Danielle: 8
Kaitlyn: 6.5

Mezzetta Giardiniera Italian Mix
Simone: 5 carrot
Bella: 3
Danielle: Boring 4
Kaitlyn: 6

Embasa Nacho Style Pickled Jalapeños
Simone: Did not try Jalapeño
Bella: 6.5
Danielle: Hurts 5.5
Kaitlyn: 2

As a palate cleanser, our fearless Editor-in-Chief made a lovely little surprise. As with pickles, what else is a BBQ staple? S'more of course.

General consensus S'mores: 10/10

Cheers,
Isabella Albin

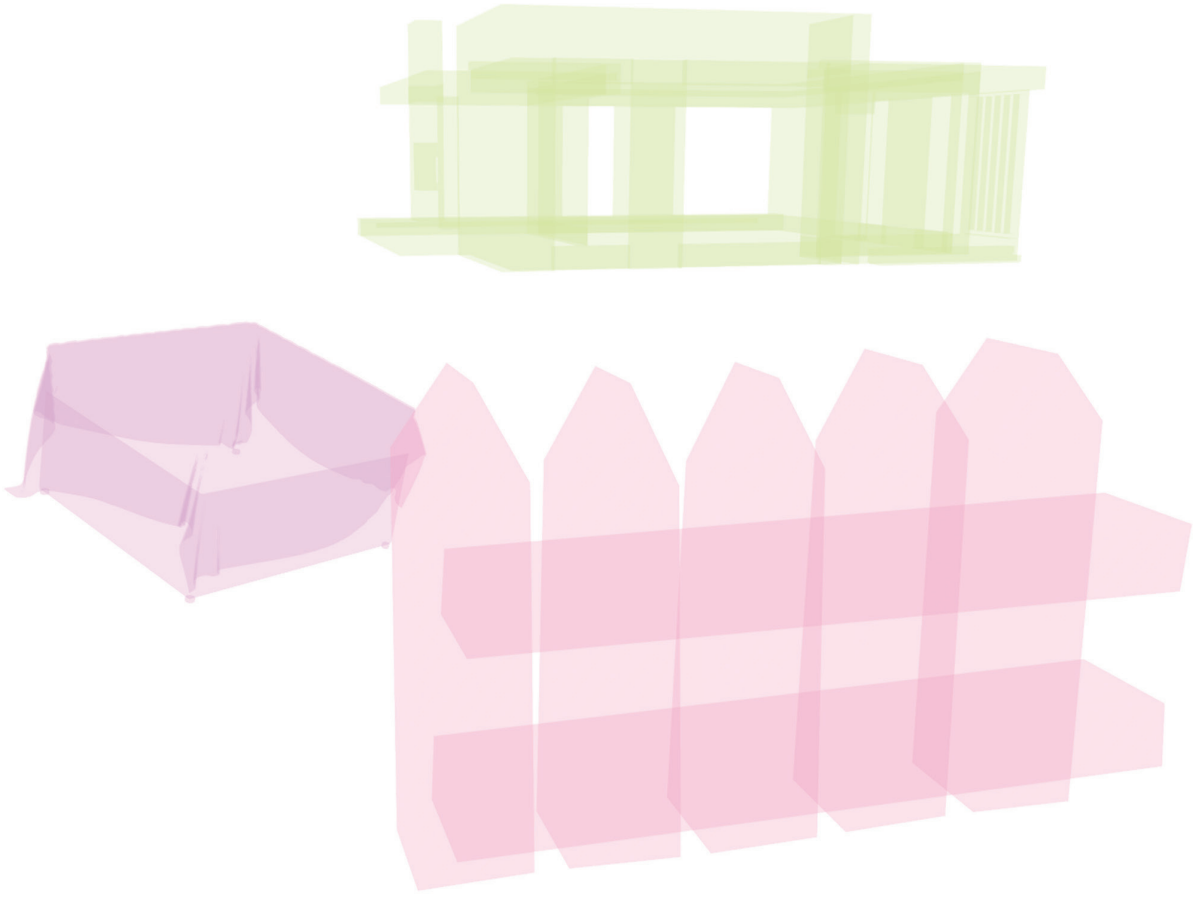
Imaginary Tea Party
By Anna Liv Myklebust

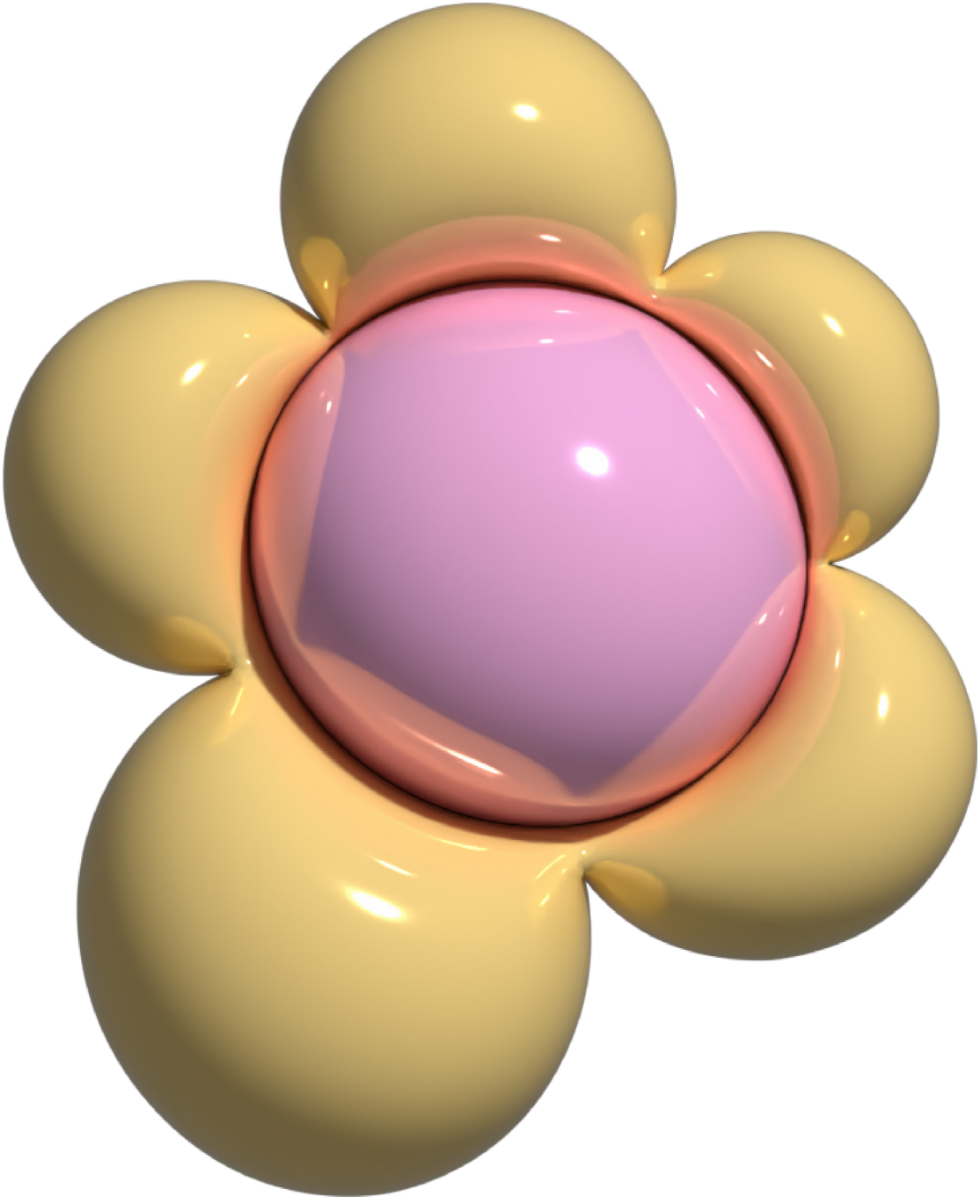
My mums dresses don't fit me the way
they compliment her.
She sits, flawlessly in a chair too small
for her body.
I sit in a perfectly sized chair
in clothing that I do not fill.

I pour tea and drink liquid
that does not exist,
wearing plastic jewels and
white painted pearls.
My mum drinks tea
that does not exist,
wearing jewels from
the earth and pearls from the sea
because she is old enough to cherish
and wear gifts from nature.

We eat real sandwiches
because I can do that now.
But they aren't the real sandwiches
or home cooked meals my mum makes
for me when I come home from school.
And they don't fill my belly and make me
Sleepy the way her cooking does either
Mum tells me though to cherish the silly
thin foodI've set for my imaginary tea party
because this is how children should play.

She laughs and smiles and says the
too large dresses and too plastic
jewelry makes me look beautiful.
And all I can think is that I hope to be
just as beautiful as her when I grow
enough to fill this too large dress
and care for her too real jewels and cook
an all too real meal for her to cherish and eat
instead.





QUESTION @

question 2

Thoughts on sleeping on the trampoline?

Perfect conditions for late night deep talks as kids

Its good but soap trampoline is better

Yes she DID have her belly button pierced. The year was 2007.

1st lez experience involved sleepover on tramp, whipped cream, and my bestie's cheerleader abs

Need. Astronomically!!!

Bring lots of blankets

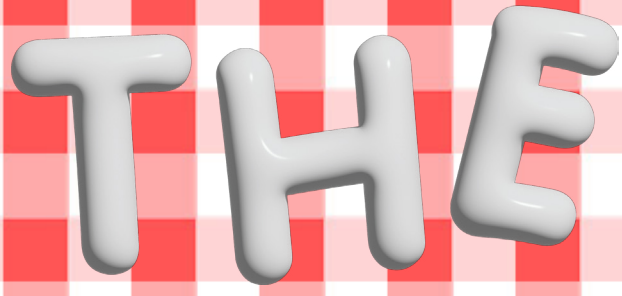
Sounds super epic! Would do :)

Depends on how hard I sleepwalk

Sure, during the summertime

That's gotta get hot

I was always hella cold at night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LEAVES

Kaitlyn Cafarelli

GARDEN HUNT

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CHRYSANETHEMUM
PUMPKIN
LEMON
LAVENDER
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WATERING CAN
STRAWBERRY
LETTUCE
SPADE
LILY
BASIL
SQUASH
TOMATO
PEONY
BLACKBERRY
RHUBARB
THYME

THIS 'O

chip

swings

giggle

stick n poke

smoke out of an apple

picnic

fancy vacation

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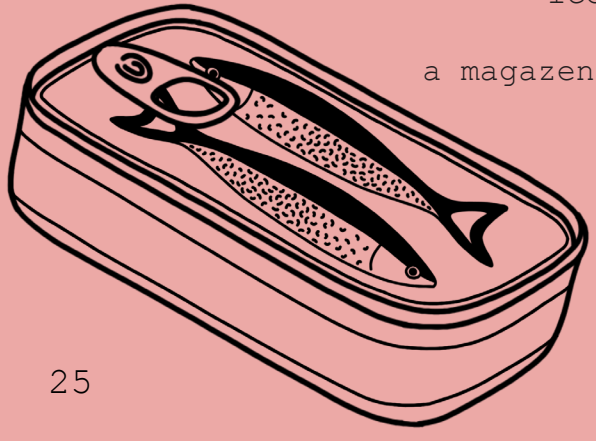
grocery store

spotify

mourning doves

iced tea

a magazene wiht typos



R THAT

dip

slide

throw up x4

real tattoo

smoke out of a banana

fancy dinner at a michelin star

computer time

cheap

labor in the garden

the beautiful sounds of nature

chickadees

sweet tea

a perfect magazine (no typos)

RESPECT

Ugly boyfriend

Butch Wife (a tribute)

Sensitive men

Justin Beiber

Shoes in the picnic blanket

wet grass

wet sock

February Fake out

Post grad world
becoming a real adult
losing your parents insurance
typos in teh magazine
Acronyms you can't pronounce

NO RESPECT

QUESTION #

question 3

Invent a new ice cream flavor

The first flower of spring

Nostalgia

Vodka cran

Marshmallow gf

Cream soda

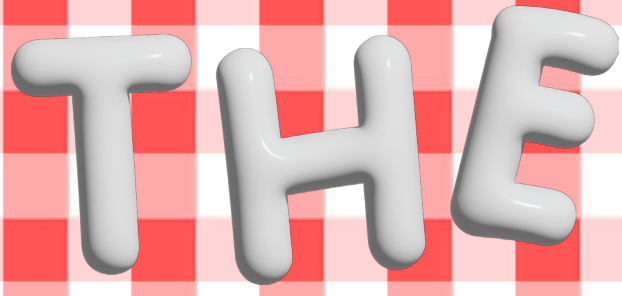
Strawbanna? Idk

The feeling of finally breaking in new doc martens

Mango vanilla white chocolate swirl

Lavender latte ice cream

Beach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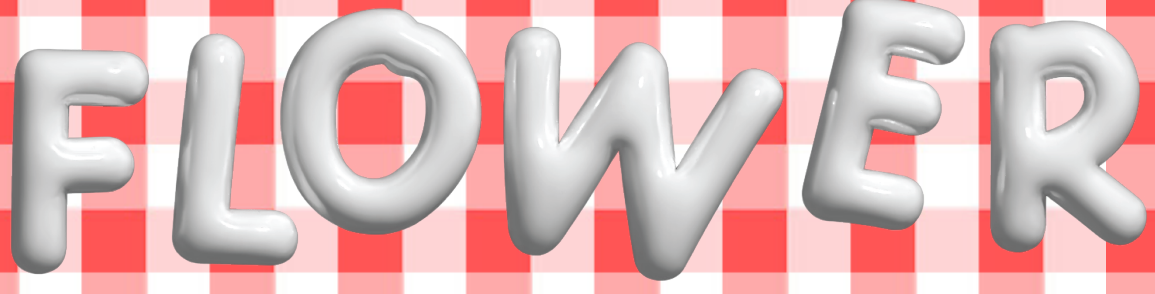
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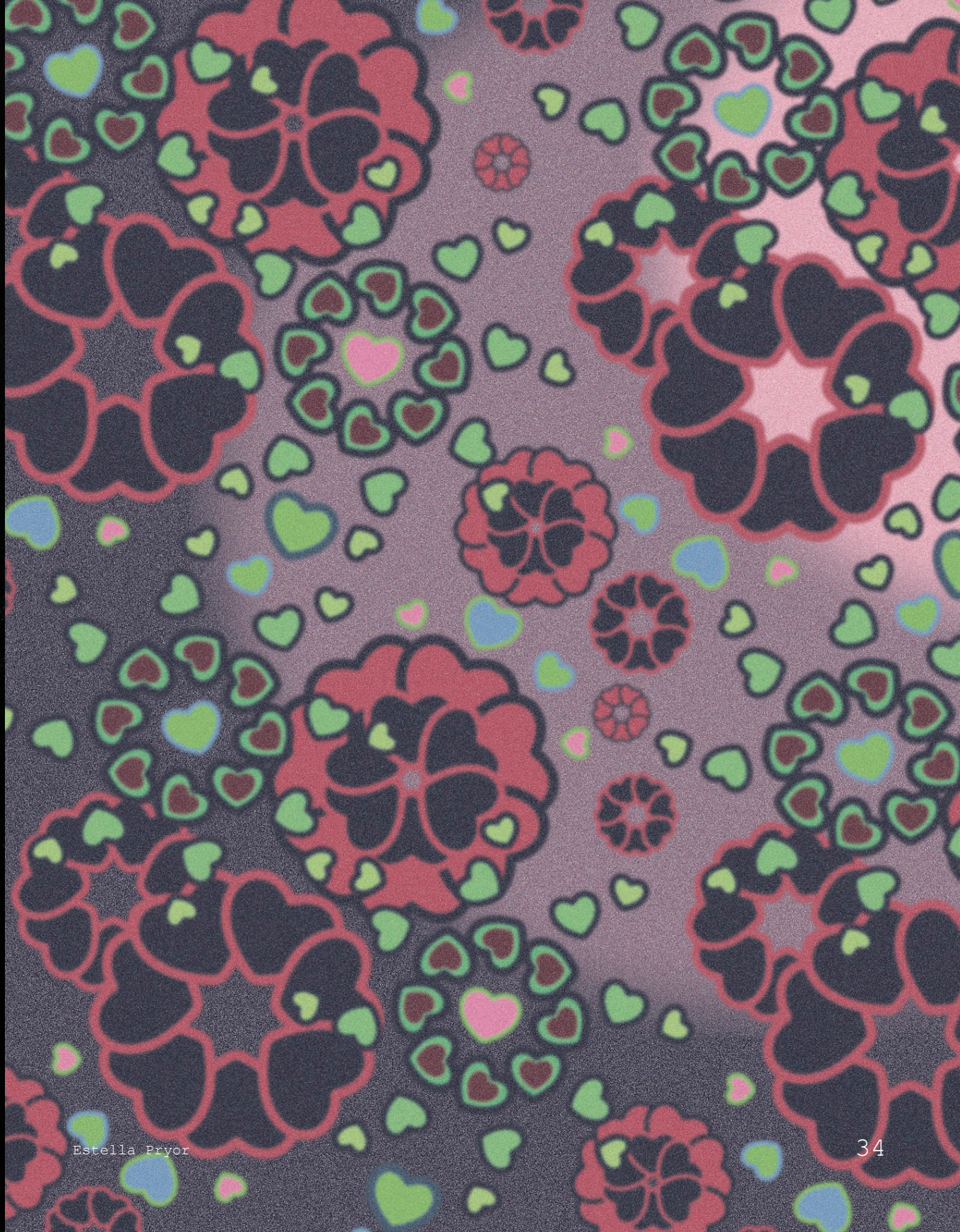
Audrey Kalman



Can We Smoke It?

It was a Sunday night. The birds were calling, the trees were whispering in the wind, and tears were falling down my face due to a losing battle with a four-day migraine. The Oregon Voice team, at the house of our fearless and beautiful leader, Kaitlyn, was faced with the impenetrable, the incalculable, the seemingly un-smokeable: the apple, the carrot, the banana, and, the last minute addition and unsung hero, the brownie. The impossible became possible with the help of a metal reusable straw and unfailing determination. Estella, Kaitlyn, and I were the only ones brave enough to try them all.

Here are our ratings:

The Apple

The apple is undoubtedly the easiest of the fruits to smoke out of; its meat is firm, but not tough, and its natural indentation at the top makes for a perfect bowl, no excavation required. Apple pipes were a feature of my teenage smokescepades due to the ease of construction and the fact that they make a delicious post-smoke snack. For bong-ability, the apple is a perfect 10. As for the smoking experience?

Estella: 7/10 Kaitlyn: 8/10 Danielle: 8/10

The Carrot

This one was not quite as easy to construct, as it required digging a hole in the top to make a bowl, and the metal straw was difficult to remove. The result, however, was a sublime smoking experience:

Estella: 9/10 Kaitlyn: 7/10 Danielle: 9/10

The Banana

Beautifully handcrafted by our fair and gorgeous president, Kaitlyn, the banana was an unexpected flop. Despite the incredible precision of its shape and structure, it could not overcome its slimy nature. Wetness prevailed and it was unsmokeable. Can we smoke it? No.

Estella: 1/10 Kaitlyn: 1/10 Danielle: 0/10

The Brownie

Our fourth and final battle was the brownie. Everyone underestimated it. We expected it to fall apart. But it was a few days old and had been in the refrigerator, so it held up to the test of the metal straw. The smoking experience was one to remember, the sweet smell of cocoa mixing with the earthy smell of cannabis. Of course, it was not without crumbs, and it did not compare with the near-perfect experiences of the carrot or apple. But when it came down to it, the brownie exceeded expectations.

Estella: 5/10 Kaitlyn: 6/10 Danielle: 6/10

Brooke Hatchman

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